



Technical Assistance Grant Selection Committee
Department of Land Conservation and Development
635 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150
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To Whom It May Concern,

The Oregon City Natural Resources Committee supports the City of Oregon City's Technical Assistance Grant request to update the Oregon City Comprehensive Plan. We look forward to working together to implement a vision for the next 20 years which is representative of all of our community members, and equitably reflects our aspirations and supports our needs.

Oregon City has been the home of an abundance of change since the Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2004. In addition to changes in our built environment since the creation of the Comprehensive Plan, our population has also changed.

- Oregon City's population grew by 35%, and the number of households increased by 39%.
- The percentage of children that call Oregon City home decreased while those over the age of 65 increased by 38%.
- The race of Oregon City residences grew more diverse and there are now 41 different languages spoken within the Oregon City School District.

The Comprehensive Plan must be updated to equitably reflect and balance the aspirations of all of our community members.

By paring this grant with a Technical Assistance Grant to update the land use and transportation components of the Comprehensive Plan, we have an opportunity for holistic discussions and significant efficiencies.

The equity-based approach to updating the Comprehensive Plan necessitates an inclusive process to empower all of our community members to participate in the creation of a shared vision which equally balances how the goals and policies will benefit us all. We are excited to be a part of the project which is based on significant community engagement. We are committed to working with Oregon City and the community on this project and encourage your approval of the proposed Technical Assistance grant. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Oregon City Natural Resources Committee